condentration of 0.5% (v/v). Based on this discovery, methods of treating and/or preventing mucositis in a mammal are disclosed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 24, lines 18 through 25 with the following paragraph:

EXAMPLE 12

Preparation of poly(hexamethylene biscyano guanidine-alt-1,3-aminoguanidine) (XXVII).

Hexamethylene biscyano guanidine (4.00 mmoles, 1.00 g) and 1,3-aminoguanidine (4.00 mmoles, 0.502 g) were added to a 40 ml vial with a septa-cap followed by 2 equivalents of concentrated HCl. The mixture was heated to 165° C in an oil-bath for 3 h. The resulting orange solid was acidified with 1 eq. concentrated HCl, dissolved in water and purified by centrifugation through a 3K Macrosep filtration membrane.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

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